

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on May 7, 2007, Applicants submit the aforementioned changes including claim identifiers for all.

Claims 1-8, 11-13, 15, 17-19, 21, 25, 26, 29, 36, 37, 40-51, and 62-65 remain pending after entry of this response. Claims 9, 10, 14, 16, 20, 22-24, 27, 28, 30-35, 38, 39, 52-61 have been canceled. No claims have been added or amended.

I. Summary of Restriction/Election:

Prior to the Restriction Requirement mailed April 5, 2007, claims 1-65 were pending in the Application. In the Restriction Requirement, the Examiner directed the claims to the following groups of distinct species:

Figs 1-7 relating to claims 1-8, 10-13, 15, 17, 25-26, 29, 42-51, 63-65;
Figs 8-9 relating to claims 16, 20, 25, 52-57;
Figs 10-14 relating to claims 18, 19, 21-24, 28, 30-34, 36-41, 62;
Figs 15-16 relating to claims 9, 14, 26, 58-60; and
Figs 17-18 relating to claims 35, 61.

II. Summary of Applicant's Amendments

The present response cancels without prejudice claims 9, 10, 14, 16, 20, 22-24, 27, 28, 30-35, 38, 39, and 52-61 leaving for the Examiner's present consideration claims 1-8, 11-13, 15, 17-19, 21, 25, 26, 29, 36, 37, 40-51, and 62-65. Reconsideration of the Application as amended is respectfully requested.

III. Election of Invention

Applicant hereby elects species relating to Figs 1-7, claims 1-8, 11-13, 15, 17-19, 21, 25, 26, 29, 36, 37, 40-51, and 62-65 for the present consideration. Claims 9, 10, 14, 16, 20, 22-24, 27, 28, 30-35, 38, 39, and 52-61 are withdrawn from present consideration at this

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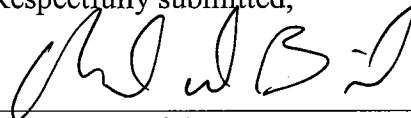
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time, and have been canceled. Applicant reserves the right to reinstate and/or to prosecute any withdrawn or canceled claims in a currently pending or future application.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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